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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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IN RE LOWER MANHATTAN DISASTER SITE
LITIGATION

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JULIO BASTIDAS,

21 MC 102(AKH)

Civil Action No.:

NOTICE OF ADOPTION

Plaintiff(s),

- against -

100 CHURCH, LLC, ALAN KASMAN DBA KASCO,
AMBIENT GROUP, INC., ANN TAYLOR STORES
CORPORATION, BATTERY PARK CITY AUTHORITY,
BLACKMON-MOORING-STEAMATIC CATASTOPHE, INC.
D/B/A BMS CAT, BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES,
INC., BROOKFIELD FINANCIAL PROPERTIES, LP,
BROOKFIELD PARTNERS, LP, BROOKFIELD
PROPERTIES CORPORATION, BROOKFIELD
PROPERTIES HOLDINGS INC., CUNNINGHAM DUCT
CLEANING CO., INC., ENVIROTECH CLEAN AIR, INC.,
GPS ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS, INC., HILLMAN
ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP, LLC, INDOOR AIR
PROFESSIONALS, INC., INDOOR ENVIRONMENTAL
TECHNOLOGY, INC., KASCO RESTORATION SERVICES
CO., LAW ENGINEERING P.C., MERRILL LYNCH & CO,
INC., NOMURA HOLDING AMERICA, INC., NOMURA
SECURITIES INTERNATIONAL, INC., ROYAL AND
SUNALLIANCE INSURANCE GROUP, PLC, STRUCTURE
TONE (UK), INC., STRUCTURE TONE GLOBAL
SERVICES, INC., TOSCROP INC., TRC ENGINEERS, INC.,
WESTON SOLUTIONS, INC., WFP TOWER B CO. G.P.
CORP. WFP TOWER B HOLDING CO., LP, WFP TOWER B.

CO., L.P., AND ZAR REALTY MANAGEMENT CORP., ET
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Defendant(s).

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COUNSELORS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that defendants, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION, as and for their responses to the allegations set forth in the Complaint by Adoption (Check-Off Complaint) related to the Master Complaint filed in the above-referenced action, hereby adopts ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's Answer to the Master Complaint dated August 8, 2007, which was filed in the matter of *In Re World Trade Center Lower Manhattan Disaster Site Litigation*, 21 MC 102 (AKH).

To the extent that ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION's, Answer to the Master Complaint does not comprehensively address any of the specific allegations within the Check-Off Complaint in the above-captioned matter, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION denies knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of such specific allegations.

WHEREFORE, ANN TAYLOR STORES CORPORATION demands judgment dismissing the above-captioned action as against it, together with its costs and disbursements.

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